



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 103

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AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE STATE FUNDED PILOT PROGRAM PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE SERVICES FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-342a of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available
5 appropriations, establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to
6 allow [no more than one hundred fifty] persons who are sixty-five
7 years of age or older and meet the eligibility requirements of the
8 Connecticut home-care program for the elderly established under
9 section 17b-342, as amended, to receive personal care assistance
10 provided such services are cost effective as determined by the
11 Commissioner of Social Services. Persons who receive personal care
12 assistance services pursuant to the pilot program established by
13 section 47 of public act 00-2 of the June special session* shall be
14 included as participants of the pilot program established pursuant to
15 this section. Personal care assistance under the program may be
16 provided by nonspousal family members of the recipient of services
17 under the program.

18 (b) In conducting the pilot program, the commissioner or the

19 commissioner's agent (1) may require as a condition of participation
20 that participants in the pilot program disclose if a personal care
21 assistant is a nonspousal family member, (2) shall monitor the
22 provision of services under the pilot program, and (3) shall ensure the
23 cost-effectiveness of the pilot program.

24 (c) The commissioner shall establish the maximum allowable rate to
25 be paid for such services under the pilot program and may set a
26 separate lower rate for nonspousal family members providing services
27 as personal care assistants in the pilot program if deemed necessary by
28 the commissioner to ensure cost effectiveness of the pilot program and
29 to conduct the pilot program within available appropriations.

30 (d) Not later than January 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Social
31 Services shall submit a report on the pilot program to the joint
32 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
33 matters relating to appropriations and human services and to the select
34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
35 relating to aging. The report shall include information on the quality of
36 services provided under the pilot program and shall be submitted in
37 accordance with section 11-4a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2006	17b-342a

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